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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

19 February 8, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION FOUNDATION'S PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & EDUCATION
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CLEAN HARBORS
PROGRAM TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN MARINA DEL REY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a resolution in support of and to authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation for the proposed "Clean Harbors" Program outreach effort by the Department of Beaches and Harbors to increase public and boater awareness of their connection to water quality issues affecting Marina del Rey and to mitigate water quality degradation by influencing the behavior of marina users through workshops and targeted publications.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as it is categorically exempt pursuant to class 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Adopt a resolution requesting that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation enter into a grant agreement and provide grant funds to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for the Department's "Clean Harbors" Program under the Foundation's Public Involvement and Education Grant Program.
3. Authorize the acceptance of \$5,000.00 from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation's

Public Involvement and Education Grant Program for the Department's "Clean Harbors" Program.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents to obtain and accept the grant for the purpose of funding the "Clean Harbors" Program and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation on any and all matters related to the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will enable the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to accept a grant from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (SMBRF) to partially fund the "Clean Harbors" Program consisting of public focus group meetings, interactive workshops, and a poster campaign designed to increase awareness of the water quality issues affected by activities of marina users and to facilitate positive changes in the behavior of marina users and visitors that will produce improvements to certain pollution indicators. The program, which will be completed on or before September 30, 2011, will also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the outreach effort in order to strengthen future efforts to define and implement the Department's environmental goals.

Water pollution within Marina del Rey harbor results primarily from non-point sources. The harbor is open to the Santa Monica Bay through the main channel, which adjoins the Ballona Creek channel at the oceanside breakwater. The harbor contains eight basins, two of which have poor circulation due to their inland location and distance from the ocean's tidal movement (including Marina Beach) and were recently added to the State's federal Clean Water Act § 303(d) list as impaired water bodies due to exceedances in the total and/or fecal coliform pollutants contained in the California Ocean Plan (2001). This impaired classification has prompted implementation of bacterial Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) mitigation efforts by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and a State-funded effort led by the Department called the "Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project".

Urban runoff, the primary contributor of pollution, enters the Marina del Rey harbor water from the surrounding storm drains and culverts, Oxford Basin, streets, parks, open space, and individual parcels adjoining the back basins. The harbor water itself has many potential sources of pollution from human activities and uses and from natural sources. Recreational activities, such as boating, fishing, and wading, can be significant sources of pollution. Natural sources of pollution include fish, birds, mammals, marine life, and changes in land topography. Once funded, the "Clean Harbors" Program would promote best management practices to reduce pollution and improve overall water quality conditions within the harbor.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This funding is in support of the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, "Operational Effectiveness", Strategy 3, "Environmentally Responsible Practices", and the Department's Goal 3, "Environmental Stewardship", specifically to help define the Department's environmental role.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the project will be absorbed in FY 2010-11 Marina Operating Budget Unit

within existing budgetary resources. The \$5,000 from the approved grant will be received in FY 2010-11 as one-time over-realized revenue.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The grant amount of \$5,000.00 and the \$10,557.25 in-kind contribution will be absorbed in the Department's FY 2010-11 Marina Operating Budget within existing budgetary resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Your Board's approval is required to allow the Director of the Department to sign the grant agreement with the SMBRF and to receive the grant funding. Upon receipt of the signed agreement, the SMBRF will issue a check to the Department.

The attached Resolution (Attachment I) is required by SMBRF.

All documents required for the acceptance of the requested grant will be subject to prior approval as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as it is categorically exempt pursuant to class 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The County will enter into a contract with the SMBRF and will complete all work in-house. The purchase of supplies and equipment will be carried out according to County policy.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

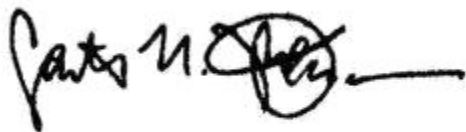
The acceptance of the grant and the completion of the program will have no negative effect on the Department's current projects.

CONCLUSION

If approved, your Board should authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send two approved copies of this letter and the Resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Santos H. Kreimann", followed by a horizontal line.

SANTOS H. KREIMANN
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT I

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REQUEST A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,000 FROM THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION FOUNDATION, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE CLEAN HARBORS OUTREACH PROGRAM IN MARINA DEL REY

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is willing to enter into an agreement with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation to undertake an outreach program to increase awareness of the water quality impacts to and by users of Marina del Rey's harbor facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby requests that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation provide a grant for the purpose stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles agrees to accept the grant and hereby authorizes the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors or his designee to sign all the required grant documents and accept the grant for the purpose stated above.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 8th day of February 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and the authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: Lachelle Smithman
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By: [Signature]
Deputy

